

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2984 - HB 3063

February 14, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: (1) creates the *Voluntary Pollution Reduction and Prevention Act of 1998*; (2) requires the Department of Environment and Conservation to prepare an annual report to the General Assembly and the regulatory boards which includes a method of measuring pollution reduction and prevention progress, a baseline for measuring progress and a review of regulation and statutes to allow the implementation of alternative regulatory compliance plans; (3) requires the department to provide technical assistance, award regulatory incentives, and expedite permit applications; and (4) provides an opportunity to receive written comments from the public on a facility's proposed voluntary pollution reduction and prevention goal.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$141,700 - Recurring
\$37,500 - One-Time**

Cost estimate reflects the establishment of five positions and related expenses necessary to provide technical assistance and implement the provisions of the bill.

The Department of Environment and Conservation has stated that some provisions of the bill could be out of conformity with federal statutes and could jeopardize some federal funds received from the Environmental Protection Agency.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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